

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 888

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the Deliverance Outreach Temple Church upon the celebration of its twentieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor institutions as they reach significant milestones; and

WHEREAS, Deliverance Outreach Temple Church is one such institution which is celebrating its twentieth year of operation on June 1-3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Deliverance Outreach Temple Church, formerly known as "House of the Lord," was founded by Pastor Timothy W. and Stephanie Y. Grant on April 26, 1992, with the following original member families: Wiggins, Lonesome, Preston, and Brisbon; and

WHEREAS, the church had its first worship service on May 10, 1992, with thirty-nine in attendance. The families in attendance were Davis, Wiggins, Lonesome, Preston, Briston, Freemon, Grant, and Carter, as well as Brother Steven Chisley; and

WHEREAS, the Charter for the State of Tennessee was signed on August 26, 1992, and filed with the State of Tennessee on September 10, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the church has experienced steady growth throughout its history, gaining eighteen members six months after its inception, thirty members in 1996, seventy-one members in 1997, eighty-nine members in 1999, forty-five members in 2001, twelve members in 2002, forty-six members from 2003-2005, and today, it has a current membership of 311; and

WHEREAS, in March of 1993, House of the Lord officially changed its name to Deliverance Outreach Temple, celebrated its first anniversary in May, and moved into a larger facility on 201-B Providence Boulevard. The church served a rapidly changing military community as well as natives of the Clarksville area; and

WHEREAS, Deliverance Outreach Temple published its first newsletter in January of 1998 and acquired a church van and piano and redoubled its clothing and food ministries by May of 1998; and

WHEREAS, the church purchased 13.84 acres of land on Garrettsburg Road in Clarksville in 2001 and had paid for its van in full by the following year; and

WHEREAS, the home ministry had the opportunity to install Steven Chisley as Pastor of Greater Works International Ministries in Clinton, Mississippi, and Elder Melvin and Margaret Moore as Pastors of the Kingdom Connection Christian Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina. These churches share a deep spiritual connection with Deliverance Outreach Temple Church; and

WHEREAS, Deliverance Outreach Temple has had the privilege of being led by many great individuals throughout its time, including Pastor Timothy W. and Stephanie Y. Grant, Elder Garrett, Elder Emmanuel Davis, Elder Preston, Minister Chisley, Mr. Joseph Wiggins, Elder Steve Pearson, Minister Harold, and Evangelist Jones; and

WHEREAS, the current Pastor and Overseer of the church is Timothy W. Grant, who is an integral factor to the great growth of the church with the help and support of his family. He and his wife of twenty-eight years, Stephanie Y. Grant, have been blessed with four children and a son-in-law as well as two handsome grandsons and a beautiful granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, he served with distinction in the United States Army for over twenty-six years; and

WHEREAS, he attended Hopkinsville Community College to pursue a degree in Public Administration and currently holds a bachelor's degree in Theology from New World Bible Institute and a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Excelsior College in Albany, New York, and he earned his Master of Arts degree in Education with a concentration in Educational Leadership and Administration, Summa Cum Laude, from Touro University International in Cypress, California; and

WHEREAS, Deliverance Outreach Temple's many ministries have made a positive impact on the surrounding Clarksville community, offering services to feed the hungry, clothe the people, and get people involved in their community; and

WHEREAS, the Deliverance Outreach Temple Church has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for twenty years, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of Clarksville, the surrounding area, and the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the Deliverance Outreach Temple Church, thank the good people of this remarkable congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.